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Wayne issues city water advisory for residents

Wayne residents are being warned not to drink the water from residential taps in the city and avoid using it for cooking, preparing food or preparing baby formula.

City officials issued the warning last Tuesday noting that testing for lead and copper in tap water in Wayne showed an elevated level of lead. The testing, according to officials, was routine and included tap water collected from 30 homes in the city. Elevated levels of lead at 16 parts per billion were found in five of the water samples tested. According to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) any level of lead in drinking water is unsafe as "drinking water can make up to 20 percent or more of a person's potential exposure to lead."

> *Wayne officials have authorized an "investigative sampling of water quality" in response to the report.*

Residents affected by lead service lines in the city are being told to flush the residential pipes before using tap water to drink or prepare food. Water customers in the city are encouraged to run the water for at least five minutes to flush water from the plumbing pipes. Those without lead service lines are warned to run the water for 30 seconds to two minutes to clear the harmful substance from the pipes. Of the approximately 5,950 customers in the city, 6.75 percent or about 400 customers have lead service lines, according to an official statement from the city.

Lead can enter drinking water when in contact with pipes, solder, home/building interior plumbing, fittings and fixtures that contain lead. Homes with lead service lines have an increased risk of having high lead levels in drinking water. The more time water has been sitting in delivery pipes, the more lead it may contain.

State experts warned that boiling tap water does not reduce or eliminate lead. State law requires that 90 percent of samples collected in the required annual testing fall below 15 parts per billion, considered the action level by municipal officials.

The results require the city to measure corrosion control effectiveness in the water distribution system, according to EGLE officials. Sampling in the City of Wayne showed 14 parts per billion in 2019 and 12 parts per billion in 2020.

Wayne officials have authorized an "investigative sampling of water quality" in response to the report. Free testing for lead in home water is available from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services drinking water hotline at (844) 934-1315. Residents who wish to have their blood tested for lead levels should contact their health care provider or make an appointment with the Wayne

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Rotary members from across the globe have spent decades in the battle to inoculate the children of the world against polio.

World-wide warriors

Local Rotary clubs celebrate global effort to eradicate polio

They don't look like warriors, but for more than 40 years, they have been doing battle with an enemy that has threatened the lives and well-being of children around the world.

Members of local Rotary clubs throughout this area and across the United States have been on a mission since 1979 to eradicate polio, a disease responsible for the crippling paralysis or death of thousands of children in this country and even more victims across the globe.

In 1952-an epidemic year for polio-there were 58,000 new cases reported in the United States, and more than 3,000 Americans died from the disease. On March 26, 1953, American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announced that he had successfully tested a vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes polio. Salk donated the vaccine and took no payment for the life-saving serum that was immediately embraced with great relief by parents across the country. Children were inoculated at schools, churches and clinics and and within only a year, the instance of polio forcing children into leg and back braces, or iron lungs, was eradicated in America. Few people in this country can even remember the fear parents had of their children contracting the crippling disease and today, most people have only a vague recollection of hearing about it.

> *This week, on Oct. 24, Rotary Club members around the world will celebrate World Polio Day.*

Many countries, however, did not have the financial ability to produce or distribute the vaccine, prompting the members of a Rotary District in the Philippines to begin the movement to eradicate the disease.

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During the early 1950s, children afflicted with muscle-wasting polio were often placed in iron lungs to keep them breathing.

Romulus

Residents protest suspension of school superintendent

At least four members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education disagree with several outspoken voters who elected them.

During a second contentious meeting last week, the four board members voted to continue the administrative leave of Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson despite the protests of several audience members including residents, students, a teachers' union representative and district employees who packed the meeting.

Edmonson was placed on paid administrative leave two weeks ago pending a "financial audit" of business practices and credit card charges. That decision was approved by the same 4-3 vote of the board members. Board President Debi Pyles confirmed at the meeting that Edmonson "is not a target of the investigation," prompting more audience questions about the reasons for placing him on leave.

> "Ms Pyles, you've got to go. You're damaging this district. It has nothing to do with whether I like you or not.

Shortly after being hired by the district in August of 2020, Edmonson reported financial discrepancies and practices to the board. The investigation into his concerns was halted when a district employee filed a Title IX discrimination complaint against him in, what he claims, was retaliation.

Both the district Business Manager Steven Baker Jr. and the Human Resources Manager Margaret Hazlett have recently resigned their positions. In her letter of resignation, Hazlett said, "I can no longer in good conscience follow the leadership of the Board of Education." Baker said the final straw for him was "the order to begin pulling credit card statements and documents for the board's consultant to review instead of assisting us with the audit that is currently ongoing."

That financial consultant, Mike Dixon, who has been working in the district for several weeks, also drew criticism during the meeting last week from Sarah Carter, the president of the Romulus Education Association, the union which represents district teachers. She said paying the consultant $120 an hour or $1500 a day was "absolutely unacceptable."

"I question your ethics and integrity," Carter told the board members, and also expressed concern about the recent hiring of several employees with interim contracts.

The pay rate for the consultants was also criticized by Board Treasurer Ursula Wester. Later in the meeting, Wester said the district had become a "laughingstock" throughout the area.

School board member Pete Bergeron questioned the legality of a closed door, four-hour meeting which included the investigator from law firm Clark Hill PLC, the auditor and Interim Superintendent Sean McNatt which took place the day following Edmonson's leave. Bergeron, who left the board table and spoke from the podium as a district citizen, questioned the legality of having the independent investigator and the interim superintendent in place without discussion or approval by the entire board. Bergeron demanded a legal opinion from the district attorney as to the legality of that meeting. He said he had obtained a legal opinion which found the meeting in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Romulus resident Rita Hampton told the board and audience that she had submitted paperwork that day to recall Pyles.

"Ms Pyles, you've got to go. You're damaging this district. It has nothing to do with whether I like you or not." She told the audience and board members that the last straw was the meeting during which Edmondson was placed on leave which she said was an "embarrassment." Hampton said she was seeking signatures on the recall petition.

Dr. Benjamin Edmondson

The motion to return Edmonson to his job failed by a 4-3 vote of the board.

Romulus Police Department wins prestigious state accreditation

The Romulus Police Department had joined an elite group accredited by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The accreditation demonstrates the departmental commitment to continue improvement and its mission to protect and serve the residents of the city, noted Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. The Romulus department is one of only 38 Michigan police agencies or 7 percent in the state to win the prestigious accreditation.

> "The Romulus Police Department certainly earned the accreditation.

Facilitated by the Michigan Association Chiefs of Police (MACP) and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA), this voluntary accreditation program requires the adoption of more than 100 rigorous professional standards and a thorough review of all policies, procedures and practices to ensure compliance. Assessments are conducted by third-party assessors and require proof that the police department meets or exceeds those standards in order to earn and keep its accreditation.

The primary goals of accreditation are: To establish and maintain the best practices of the profession; to build or maintain community trust and bolster confidence in the agency; to improve service and limit liability; to establish fair and professional personnel practices and to increase accountability to all stakeholders

"This accreditation means a lot the community," said Burcroff. "I am proud of Chief Pfannes' leadership, as well as the hard work and commitment our police officers display every day in the field. I'm excited about our city's future knowing we are doing everything we can to ensure that residents have the opportunity live, work and play in a safe environment."

Police Chief Robert Pfannes said the accreditation was a cooperative effort.

"We are grateful and fortunate to have Mayor Burcroff and Romulus residents supporting us during this accreditation process. We remain committed to excellence and working collaboratively with the community on safety efforts and initiatives moving forward," Pfannes said.

Robert Stevenson of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police presented the accreditation in front of city officials and community members at the Oct. 4 meeting of the Romulus City Council.

"The Romulus Police Department certainly earned the accreditation. They worked hard each day to be exemplary members of law enforcement. These men and women are now part of an elite group of only 38 other police agencies in Michigan to hold this title," Stevenson said.

The Romulus Police Department was recently awarded a $612,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan. Funding from the grant will be used to replace all police radios and hire additional officers.

Romulus Police Chief Robert Pfannes, right, and Accreditation Manager Capt. Damian Hull show off the prestigious certificate of accreditation earned by the department.

City Halloween contests continue

Halloween contests will continue throughout the City of Romulus until Oct. 27.

Winners in the contest will be announced Oct. 29 in categories including Best Pumpkin Carving, Best Halloween Costume and Spookiest Yard.

All entries must be digital photos taken with either a camera or phone. The photo entries should be direct messaged to the city Facebook Page @DowntownRomulus or emailed to apusino@romulusgov.com. entries should include the full name and phone number of the entrant. Winners will be announced on the Facebook page and contacted separately for the award of prizes and ribbons.

For more information about the contests, call (734) 942-7545.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,& 12 for the November 2, 2021 City/General Election is scheduled for
Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

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Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's Office by writing or calling the following:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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CITY OF ROMULUS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.**
THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:
Mayor (1), Clerk (1), Treasurer (1), and City Council (7) - all offices are four (4) years ending 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposal will also appear on the ballot:

ROMULUS CITY CHARTER
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
SECTIONS 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, AND 11.10.

Shall the City amend Section 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, and 11.10 of the City Charter to allow for the publication of legal notices and minutes of Council, Board, and Commission meetings in two electronic sites or in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and for the reappointment of the official publications by Council every odd year beginning calendar year 2023? [ ] Yes [ ] No

A copy of the ballot with the full text of the ballot proposal is posted and available at:
Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may obtain an application for an absent voter ballot at the Romulus City Clerk's Office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The following are the locations designated as voting places for the said Election in the City of Romulus:

1, 7 & 10	Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
2 & 4	Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
3, 8, & 9	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
12	Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road
5	Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins
11	Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road
6	West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Dive (formerly known as Rudgate)

All polling locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540 prior to Election Day.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg
City Clerk
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BELLEVILLE - SUMPTER

2 deep water waste wells planned at landfill

Like a good neighbor, Republic Services explained a planned construction project to members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

During a study session before the regular meeting Sept. 28, representatives from Carleton Farms, a waste disposal facility located in the township, detailed plans to construct two new deep injection wells to treat and dispose of leachate. Leachate is groundwater that that has percolated through the waste at the facility and leached out some of the constituents.

Currently, the leachate from Carleton Farms is hauled away in trucks and disposed of off-site, an expense managers hope to curtail with the installation of the two wells. Gary McCuistion, director of market planning and development for Republic and Scott Cabauatan spoke to the board members about the planned wells.

> *"This is not a cost reduction for us. It is an environmentally sound way to dispose of the leachate.*

The wells, according to McCuistion, could eliminate 15 to 20 trucks on township roads and help better manage the bottom line at Carleton Farms. While the initial expense of drilling the wells, which will be 400 feet thick and 3,827 feet deep, would be "in the tens of millions" the life of the leachate disposal system could be a thousand years.

The Republic officials repeatedly stressed that these are not hazardous waste wells and will dispose only of leachate at Carleton Farms. The wells will not handle waste from any outside source, they told the trustees.

The wells will be constantly monitored and will have redundant inspection systems to ensure safety, McCuistion said.

Ken Cooper an engineer with PetroTech explained that the benefit to the residents of Sumpter would be keeping the trucks off the local streets and minimizing the carbon footprint and allowing Carleton Farms to remain competitive in the marketplace.

"This will help us manage our bottom line," he said. "This is not a cost reduction for us. It is an environmentally sound way to dispose of the leachate."

McCuistion added that the wells are a "viable option to keep the operation of the landfill. We don't see a downside." He added that the project, which the company expects to begin within the next two years, would require some additional employees which could mean jobs in the community.

The representatives repeatedly stressed the safety features and inspections at the county, state and federal level to which the wells would be subjected in addition to the rigid standards of construction of the wells.

The leachate would be pumped deeply enough into the earth to avoid groundwater levels and would not impact the quality of water in the area, the representatives said.

While the township can comment on the planned wells, permits for the construction are granted at the state and federal level. McCuistion said Republic is "about 9 or 10 months" from permit application.

Republic would be responsible for monitoring the integrity and safety of the wells for several years should the facility be shut down at any time in the future, McCuistion said.

Annual Halloween Candy Loop set in Van Buren

The annual Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation Department Candy Loop event is back by popular demand. This family-friendly trick-or-treating experience will take place from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at Quirk Park.

Costumed children can take a stroll around the Candy Loop and stop at different Halloween-themed stations providing treats from local businesses and organizations. This event is free and open to the public, but participants need to register for a specific timeslot at vanburen-mi.org/parks. No pets will be allowed with the exception of service animals.

"We cannot wait to see everyone all dressed up and ready to celebrate Halloween," said Director of Recreation Jennifer Zaenglein. "We're asking people to register, so we can properly distance everyone and if we have to cancel due to weather, we can notify everyone right away via email."

A rain date is set for 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

"In 2019, roughly 1000 people came to Van Buren Township's safe trick-or-treating event," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're expecting a large turnout this year and want to thank our local businesses and non-profit organizations. Candy loop wouldn't be possible without their support."

Local businesses and organizations can register to distribute candy at an individual station at vanburen-mi.org/parksandrec or contact Zaenglein at (734) 699-8921. Decorations are encouraged, but not necessary.

Participants will be required to follow all CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

For additional information visit vanburen-mi.org/parksandrec.

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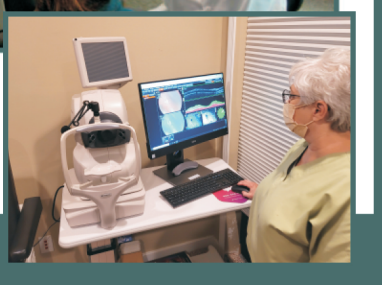

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Northville - Plymouth

Making a splash

New $1.2 million Kellogg Park fountain is officially dedicated

The legacy of a beloved Plymouth resident lives on with the new fountain unveiled last Saturday in Kellogg Park.

The majority of the cost of the new $1.2 million fountain was paid by the Wilcox Foundation, established by Jack Wilcox, one of the mainstays of the Plymouth community. Mr. Wilcox, who died at 83 in June of 2000, bequeathed his estate to be invested in the Plymouth community as seed money to create lasting improvements. Mr. Wilcox, a retired Navy captain, was tireless in his devotion to the community and had been involved in nearly every committee, civic and historic group in the city. He was named to the Plymouth Hall of Fame just prior to his death. Mr. Wilcox lived in the historic white home that faces Kellogg Park, originally built by Phillip Markham, the inventor of the air rifle.

As the new fountain was turned on for the first time, hundreds of residents applauded in appreciation. Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott thanked everyone involved in the project and commented on the tremendous involvement of the community in choosing the design of the fountain.

"So many residents came forward and offered opinions and thoughts on this project; the amount of feedback we received was amazing," Wolcott said. "This fountain is seven or eight years in the making and I'd venture to say that this project generated more thoughtful comments from residents than any other in the recent past."

Scott Dodge, a member of the Wilcox Foundation Board of Directors, presented a special glass memento picturing the fountain to Wolcott; Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, Shaw Construction General Manager Ted Barker and design leader Chris Roy from the firm that designed the fountain, Outside The Lines. Dodge said their involvement and dedication were instrumental in the completion of the project.

Dodge said the fountain was a tribute to Mr. Wilcox and was something of which he would have been proud.

The new fountain replaces a similar park feature installed in 1970 which had required ongoing maintenance expenses and had failing, outdated mechanical and plumbing systems.

The new fountain includes timing devices to control the times it flows and safety features to halt the water flow in high winds along with updated electrical and plumbing systems.

Last weekend for annual Maybury Farm Corn Maze

One of the most popular attractions of autumn will end this weekend at Maybury Farm in Northville.

The annual Corn Maze at the farm will welcome the last visitors of the season this Sunday. This year, the 9-acre maze, newly-designed by the Ford Volunteer Corp., also includes a scavenger hunt, and there is a 1-acre Mini Maze for those less adventurous members of the family.

Walking the entire 10-acre maze should take about an hour, Maybury officials said, while the mini maze can be completed in about 20 minutes.

For those seeking more of a challenge, the maze will remain open until 9 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday, with the last wagon-ride leaving an hour before closing. That allows the bravest to attempt to traverse the maze in the dark. The maze will be open until 7 p.m. on Sunday with the last wagon ride of the season leaving at 6 p.m.

The Maybury Farm General Store will also be open offering fresh cider and donuts, along with other treats available to purchase.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the corn maze is $13 per person and includes a tractor-drawn wagon ride out to the maze. The last wagon ride leaves one-hour before closing each day.

Children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost with an adult paid admission.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation. This fundraiser helps raise funds to feed the animals and support the work of the farm. It is the mission of the farm to connect the community to animals and agriculture.

Maybury Farm will be following all COVID guidelines in place. Currently, masks are not required but recommended. Visitors can check the website for safety procedure information updates.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. To learn more about autumn activities at the farm, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

Firemen selling pumpkins

Plymouth Township firefighters from Local 1496 are selling pumpkins to generate funds for their local charity. Each year the firefighters work with charities like the Salvation Army and local schools to pinpoint area families in need. One hundred percent of the proceeds are used for charity donations.

The pumpkin sale will continue through Halloween. Pumpkin Patches are located at Fire Station 1, located at 9911 N. Haggerty Road and Fire Station 3 at 13600 Beck Road in Plymouth. Firefighters ask visitors to park in the rear of Station 3 and in Township Hall lot behind Fire Station 1.

Donations from $2 to $12 are accepted for cornstalks and pumpkins that range in size from small to large.

For further information, contact Pete Bukis, (734) 637-6108.

Pumpkin Palooza, museum tour set

The 10th Annual Pumpkin Palooza is set for noon until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 in downtown Plymouth.

The free event, sponsored by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, usually attracts more than 6,000 visitors including costumed children, fur babies, parents and grandparents to enjoy trick or treating at area merchants where goodies are usually plentiful.

In addition to the trick or treating, the event also features live entertainment, costume contests for children of all ages, music, dancing and other entertainment.

> *"The Plymouth Historical Museum has been infiltrated by ghosts."*

And, the Plymouth Historical Museum has been infiltrated by ghosts who are up to some mischief. Visitors can explore the museum from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 with groups starting a tour of the haunted exhibits every 15 minutes. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not required.

After completing the tour, children will be given a bag of candy and a craft to make at home. Tickets, sold for 15-minutes intervals, are priced at $10 for those 11 and older and $5 for children ages 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger will be admitted at no cost with a regular ticket purchase. More information and tickets are available at (734) 455-8940. The museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

The event is sponsored by Highway Media.

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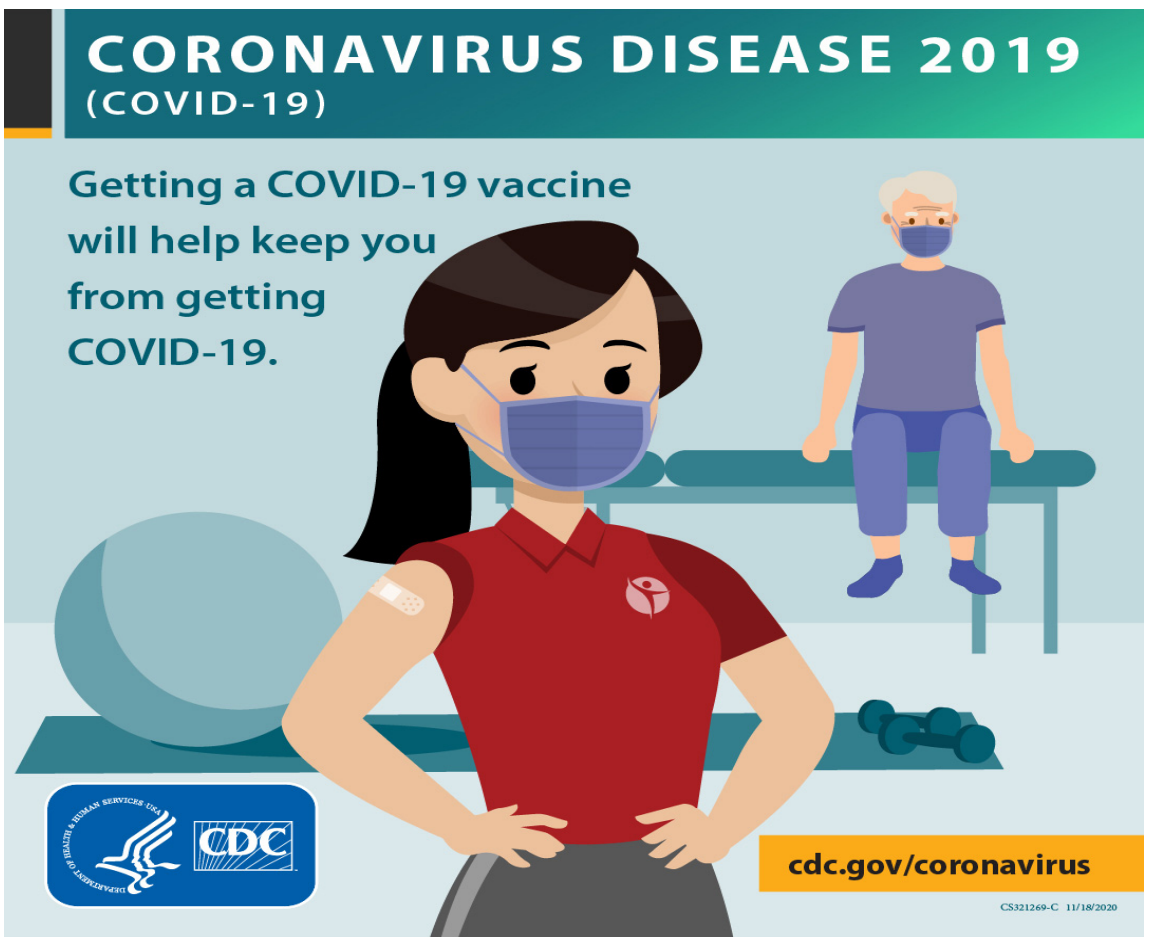

WAYNE - WESTLAND

'Malloween' and ghost hunt set in Westland

The City of Westland Halloween Decorating Contest will continue through Nov. 1.

Residents can visit the city website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or each of the three categories: Best Autumn Display, Best Spooky Display and Most Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

"The Department of Neighborhood Services team will be out and about in neighborhoods in search of those residents who have showcased their creativity and helped to bring the autumn/Halloween aesthetic to the community," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

"As our Neighborhood Services team spends their days throughout our Westland neighborhoods, they will once again be the judges for the contest and will make the final decision on who wins."

> *The official ghost hunt will be directed by members of the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters and begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 29.*

Winners' names will be announced and awarded with prizes at the council meeting on Monday, Nov. 15.

Younger ghosts, goblins, princesses and cartoon heroes can celebrate at the annual MALLoween set for 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Westland Shopping Center in the JCPenney parking lot.

The free family event is for children 12 and younger and will feature entertainment and DJ provided by The Dance Academy. Malloween is sponsored this year by North Brothers Ford, Garden City Hospital, the City of Westland and the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Traditional trick or treating hours in the city are not regulated but public safety officials recommend that all children, especially those younger than 12, are supervised as they go house to house and that at least one child in every group carries a flashlight.

Officials also suggest that residents prepare for the young visitors by clearing away any porch items that might trip costumed children and be sure to keep the porch well lit during the traditional evening.

Westland Historical Commission members will host a Halloween Ghost Hunt at the Westland Historic Village Park beginning with check in at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

The official ghost hunt will be directed by members of the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters and begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are priced at $40 and all proceeds from the event will be used to help fund the maintenance and operation of the Westland Historic Village Park.

Participants must be 18 or older and no drugs or alcohol will be allowed. Participants should bring a small flashlight. The event will take place at 857 North Wayne Road in Westland.

For tickets, visit Eventbright.com.

Program champions

Members of the Wayne Rotary club presented a $5,000 donation to the Champions of Wayne program last week. The program, open to all students at Wayne Memorial High School, combines adult mentoring, academic and life goal setting and achievement recognition that results in individualized prescriptions for success and financial rewards. Rotary President Charlotte Tarwacki, left, Principal Dr. James Anderson, Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa, retired 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack, Richard Helppie, founder of Champions of Wayne and major funder of the program, Kari D. Walker, president and CEO of The Guidance Center, where Champions of Wayne now is one of the 26 agency programs and The Honorable Milton L. Mack Jr., chief judge at Wayne County Probate Court, help celebrate the presentation of the donation.

Water

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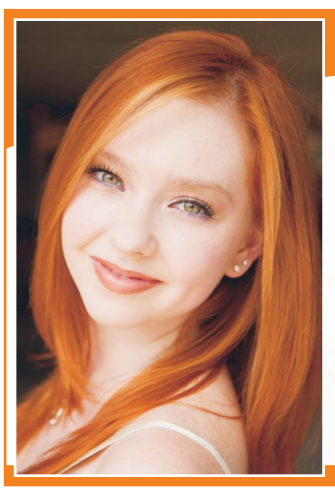
County Health Department clinic at (734) 727-7100.

Wayne residents have been advised to clean the faucet aerator in taps to remove any trapped debris and to use a water filter designed to clear lead. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends that any household with a child or pregnant woman use cold water and a certified lead filter to remove lead from their drinking water, especially when preparing baby formula. The Wayne County Health Department will provide free lead water filters to homes with a child or pregnant woman if the household cannot afford one.

These filters will be available at a drive through pick-up from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at the City of Wayne DPW at 35200 Forest Ave. Social distancing will be practiced, face masks are required, and all recipients will be asked to remain in their vehicles during pick-up.

For additional questions about the elevated lead levels, leave a message with your name, address and phone number at Wayne DPW, (734) 721-8600 for a return call.



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Canton - Inkster

Legislator's bond request is denied by court

A Livingston County District Court Judge denied a request to reinstate the $100,000 bond of Michigan State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) who is currently facing multiple felony charges.

Jones' attorney, former Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen, asked Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael Hatty to reinstate Jones' bond during a hearing last Friday. Nolen said that Jones needed to seek outpatient treatment for alcohol abuse. The original charges against Jones were filed following his April 6 arrest on charges of drunk driving and resisting arrest. During that arrest, his blood alcohol level was 0.19, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08, according to police reports. Officers claimed he was belligerent and abusive forcing them to use pepper spray to subdue him during the encounter, according to police reports of the incident.

> *I'm not going to put this person in the position that he could cause himself other problems while he's out on bond.*

The court initially released Jones on bond while he was awaiting trial on those charges when the three separate instances of bond violations are alleged to have taken place. Prosecutors told the court in separate hearings that according to the alcohol and drug monitor Jones was ordered to wear, he had consumed alcohol, tampered with the alcohol monitor, failed to pay for the court-ordered monitor and misled the court about his failure to appear for mandated alcohol testing. He claimed he was attending a National Guard training exercise preventing him from appearing for the testing, while prosecutors discovered he was in Lansing for legislative votes and at a local exercise gym on the relevant dates.

Following the third alleged violation of the terms of his bond, Hatty remanded Jones to the Livingston County Jail on Sept. 14, where he has remained in custody. During initial processing at the jail, deputies discovered a handcuff key taped to the bottom of Jones' foot and he was charged with bringing a weapon into the jail and attempting to escape custody, both felonies.

"I'm not going to put this person in the position that he could cause himself other problems while he's out on bond," Hatty said while noting he planned to move the case along "efficiently and expeditiously.

The court has merged the charges against Jones into one case, although Nolen challenges the legality of the first charges and claims deputies and state troopers mishandled the original arrest. Nolen also argues that Jones had the handcuff key taped to the bottom of his foot as a usual practice as he is an auxiliary police officer.

Jones remains on paid leave from the state legislature while he awaits trial and has been suspended from the city auxiliary police. At the request of Nolen, Jones has undergone two mental health evaluations.

Rep. Jewell Jones

Jones' next court date is scheduled for Nov. 4.

'Ghostly' Revenge on Ridge event set for Oct. 29

Amateur detectives will have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills during Revenge on Ridge, a unique Halloween event at Preservation Park in Canton Township.

Canton Leisure Services will present the mysterious event in 45-minute time slots from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 29. This who-done-it event will have participants traveling along an outdoor path to learn about Canton's ghostly past as they solve riddles and find clues.

Suitable for ages 7 and older, the event will offer participants a chance to explore a ghostly trail that is approximately one mile long, so 'detectives' should be sure to dress for evening fall weather, bring strollers or wagons for the little ones and flashlights. The family-friendly event takes approximately 45-minutes to complete and is by appointment only.

"We're excited to offer some lighthearted who-done-it Halloween fun at our Revenge of Ridge event," said Laura Mortier, recreation supervisor. "This year, families are looking for safe seasonal fun and this self-guided adventure offers a fun twist as participants hunt for clues along this ghostly path."

Pre-registration is required with a per-person fee of $5 for Canton residents or $6 for non-residents. Groups of six will be dispatched at the same time, so those who would like to attend together should be sure to register on the same receipt. Sign up today for a timeslot at www.cantonfun.org/register.

For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

State suspends license of home day care facility in Canton

The Mithu Home Day Care business has been closed by state officials following a "high risk investigation."

According to reports from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), a complaint was filed Oct. 6, about conditions at the home day care, located at 45027 Thornhill Court in the township. The business was shut down the next day, Oct. 7, following an investigation of the complaint.

No specifics of the investigation were released by reports from the state investigation which was prompted by a complaint against the facility and the licensee, Vagula Aroulselvam. The investigation was characterized by the agency as "high risk" and took place immediately according to reports.

Aroulselvam's license to care for one to six children in the home was suspended immediately following the investigation, according to the state agency.

State regulations require that an immediate investigation be launched when there is suspected child abuse or neglect in a child's death, there is suspected sexual abuse or exploitation of a child or there is suspected child abuse resulting in a severe injury to a child.

No further information or details were released.

Polio

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That goal was adopted as the PolioPlus campaign in 1985 by Rotary International leaders and has been a mission of the organization for more than three decades. As part of the program, massive vaccination efforts were undertaken in endemic areas. In one day in Brazil, 17.5 million children received the vaccine provided and distributed by Rotary members. Despite the barriers of religious objections, primitive physical locations, war, famine and the sensitivity of the vaccine, polio has been wiped from the globe in every country but Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the Taliban forbids the door-to-door vaccination campaigns.

Rotary leaders have vowed to continue the fight against polio but are well aware that the inoculation of Afghan and Pakistan children will require an even stronger financial commitment. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged a 2-1 matching grant to the effort, increasing $33 earned serving pancakes or running a marathon to $100 for the vaccination effort.

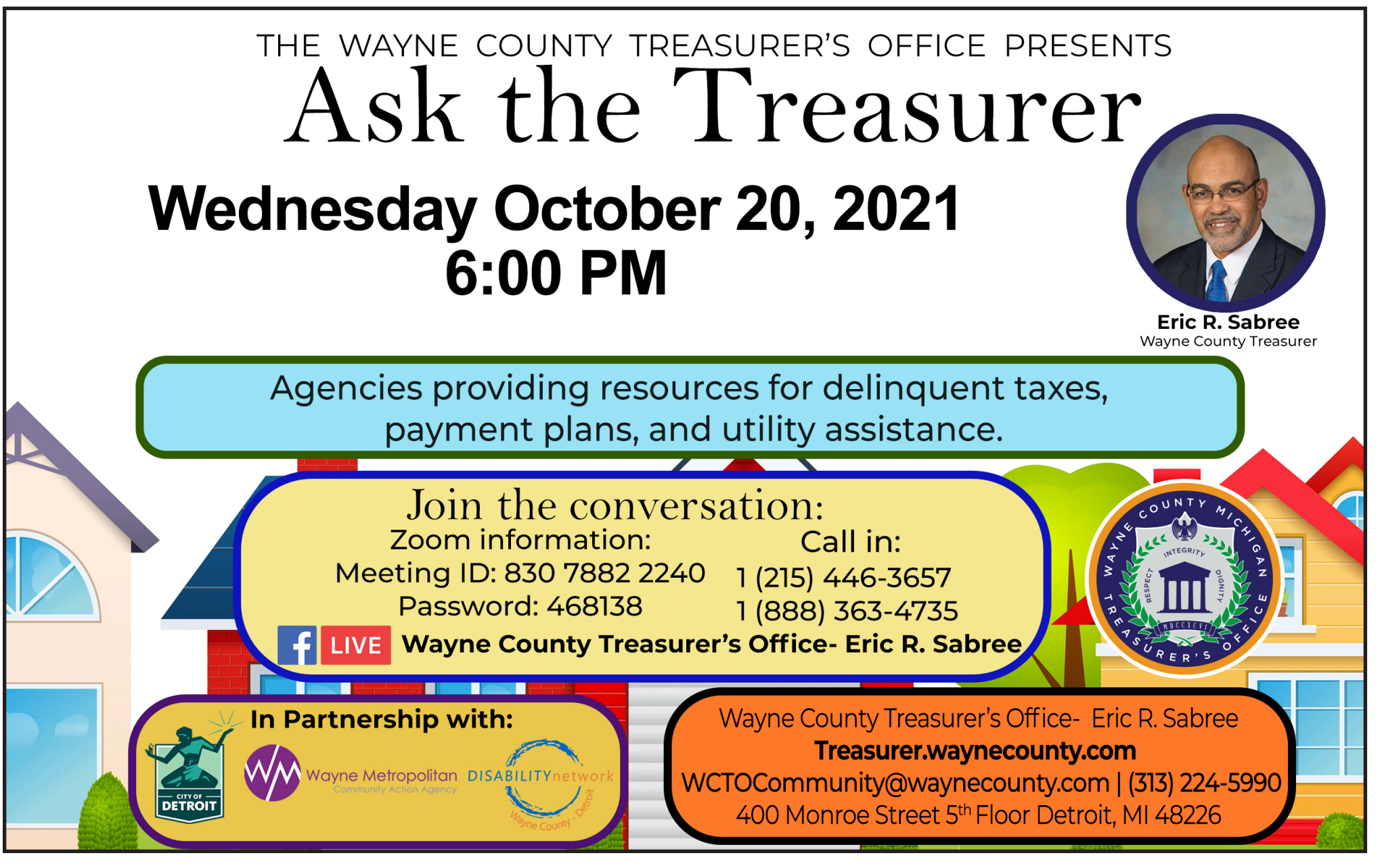
Rotarians around the globe continue to raise money toward the effort, personally pledging to contribute $100 each year toward PolioPlus.

Rotarians organize bake sales, golf outings and in Plymouth, the famous Chicken

Barbeque, among many other local events, to help fund the goal of eradicating polio. Rotary members have contributed more than $2.1 billion to polio eradication since the PolioPlus program began and the club is committed to generating $50 million each year for polio eradication efforts including vaccinations and necessary booster shots.

This week, on Oct. 24, Rotary Club members around the world will celebrate World Polio Day, marking their successful effort to eradicate the disease and pledging to continue their efforts.

Donation information is available online at Rotary.com.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